

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**
2 **May 1, 2019 7:00pm**

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5 ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO DOCUMENT PERTINENT POINTS, THESE MINUTES CONTAIN ONLY A
6 SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AND VOTING.
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9 Mayor Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
10 Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Tim Fricke, William Benson
11 and Brian Laude. Micki Harnois was not in attendance, due to being in Chelan for a conference.
12 Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave Thompson were also in attendance.
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14 **Mr. Benson made a motion to excuse Micki Harnois from the meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the**
15 **motion. Motion was carried.**

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17 Ms. Roecks requested that the Spokane Conservation District be added to the agenda.

18 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Benson seconded the motion.**
19 **Motion was carried.**

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21 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 04/17/2019 regular meeting. Mr. Laude**
22 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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24 Vicki Carter and Walt Edelen, Spokane County Conservation District

25 Ms. Carter and Mr. Edelen presented to Council, a slide show on past and future projects and locally led
26 conservation programs. They explained funding opportunities that are available for agriculture and for
27 shoreline management. After the presentation, and questions were answered, Ms. Carter suggested
28 sending any innovative ideas to them by phone or email. She also said to check out their Facebook page
29 and website, which is always updated with new information.
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31 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 32 - An AWC Conference will be held in Spokane from 06/25-06/28/19. There is a scholarship
- 33 available through AWC and possibly one through RMSA for Councilmembers attending.
- 34 - Mr. Benson mentioned that deadlines are coming up for registering for councilmember elections.
- 35 - Longtime community member and FD11 firefighter Paul Sterns' memorial service will be held at
- 36 the Fire Station on 05/03/2019 at 2pm.
- 37 - The Rockford Community Blood drive will be held 5/15/2019 from 3-5:15pm at the Fire Station.

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39 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

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42 **COMMISSION REPORTS**

43 Planning and Zoning

44 238 E Seminary – Burton

45 Dave Thompson explained to Council some of the options for getting the sewer connected to this address
46 and that he will discuss the options with the homeowner.

47 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the building permit for Gail Burton. Mr. Laude asked Dave**
48 **Thompson how he knew if a homeowner was doing what our regulations stated must be done when**
49 **building/connecting to the utilities. Mr. Thompson said that the town must sign off on the**
50 **connections before Spokane County will issued a Certificate of Occupancy. Mr. Laude seconded the**
51 **motion. Motion was carried.**
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53 Mr. Benson asked if someone was living in the shed located at 166 NE Stringham. Mr. Thompson said that
54 he has been in touch with Spokane County about what to do, since the shed now has sewer pipe connected
55 to it. He is still waiting to hear back from the County.

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57 Comprehensive Plan
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60 COMMITTEE REPORTS
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63 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 64 - Resident Ivan Willmschen asked Mr. Thompson if they could walk property together where the
65 Burton sewer line may go. Mr. Willmschen owns the abutting parcels and wants to check survey
66 pins. Mr. Thompson agreed to this.
67 - Lorrie Engle spoke about her experience with the Rural Development Initiative. She mentioned the
68 three projects that the group was considering for the southeast communities. Her idea was to install
69 a wheelchair ramp at the McIntosh Grange. She said the program is a good learning experience.

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71 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

72 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve Resolution 19-01, amending the park fees on the fee schedule.**
73 **Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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75 OLD BUSINESS
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78 NEW BUSINESS
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81 Ms. Roecks said that she would like to move the second public comment period to after the staff reports on
82 the agenda. Council agreed to continue doing this going forward.

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84 STAFF REPORTS

85 Public Works

- 86 • Mr. Thompson explained that WSDOT needs an agreement in place before the town can install
87 radar speed signs on the highway through town.
88 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the radar speed signs agreement with WSDOT. Mr.**
89 **Benson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
90 • Mr. Thompson said that he spoke with Craig, who set up the town's SCADA system. Craig is willing
91 to setup the new communication radios for the water system.
92 • Mr. Thompson said that the water reservoirs are due for epoxy repair and cleaning. Council
93 suggested making a priority list with costs for them to review at the next regular meeting.
94 • Council discussed doing more research on "outside town limits" utility connections, to see if it could
95 ever be an option, if asked.

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97 Clerk/Treasurer

- 98 • Mrs. Johnson asked Council if the town would be willing to provide porta-potties during baseball
99 season.
100 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the request for porta-potties, at both fields, during**
101 **baseball season. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
102 • The April past due report was reviewed.
103 • Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Roecks discussed the option available to start a recycling program. Empire
104 Disposal would provide a 25- or 40-yard container for all recyclables to be placed in, and charge the
105 town \$300 per haul. According to a couple other towns in the area with this setup, the containers are

106 only dumped every 3-4 week. Spokane County has grant money available to cover 75% of the
107 town's cost for at least a year. We are now waiting on feedback from the residents before any
108 decision is made.

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110 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 111 - Lorrie Engle suggested asking how much Empire would charge if there happens to be non-
112 recyclables in the dumpster at pickup time.

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114 APPROVE CHECKS

115 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 16031-16049 and one EFT for a total of \$14,306.99.**

116 **Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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118 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. Mr. Benson seconded the motion.**

119 **Motion was carried.**

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor